

for that same quality of stability have fluctuated like the tides without their regularity. They have been bandied about by the breath of every dusty book worm that has happened upon an author who happened to have put a name in the first chapter instead of the second of his miss-gotten book. Technicality after technicality has been made use of, often directly against the evident wishes of the original author, and to-day one hesitates to use a name for fear that before the paper passes through the printer's hands it will be antiquated in its phraseology.

In conclusion let us ask, Has not the law of Priority been reduced to a fetish? and is a name really applied to a species for convenience in handling or to the end that a man's name may go down to posterity attached in an abbreviated form to an already too long bi- or trinomial? In brief, is the scientist made for the name or the name for the scientist? Which wags, the tail or the dog?

THREE HITHERTO UNKNOWN PELICAN RECORDS FOR OHIO.

While in Port Clinton, Ohio, in July, 1903, I found out that a jeweler by the name of Dewit had shot a Pelican the preceding fall on Lake Erie. The specimen was taken along to New York City by a friend of his and mounted in that city.

About twenty years ago a Pelican was shot $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles south of Tiffin on Sandusky River and stood mounted for years in a local cigar store. In November, 1901, another Pelican was shot by some local hunters in the Bloomville marshes in Seneca Co. I do not know what became of the specimen. They were all *Pelicanus erythrorhynchos*.

AN ADDITION TO THE BIRDS OF MIDDLE SOUTH- ERN OHIO.

The fact that Dr. Jones and Rev. Dawson found the Black Terns along the Ohio River in August, 1902, and also